

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk
Chuck Hudler, Treasurer
Mary Letts, Trustee
Daniel Mieske, Trustee

Visitors:

List with Clerk's copy

TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Township meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Supervisor, Rita Goul.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Dan Mieske Present, Mary Letts, Present, Chuck Hudler, Present, Rita Goul, Present, Carol Coyle, Present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda, as written, was made by Mary and supported by Rita. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. August Birthdays – Four birthdays were reported.
2. Blight Update – Rita said there was a zoom meeting with the magistrate and the magistrate did not rule on the case. The next step will be to go to trial. No date has been set. Rita noted the cost to defend this one blight case is over \$2,400.00 to date.
3. Election - Rita offered congratulations to the elected officials from the Primary on August 6th.
4. Committee Changes - Rita noted committees will be changing in December and the Board will be looking for people to fill the vacancies.
5. Township Hall – The wallpaper has been removed and the walls were painted. There is some touch up to be done and Lori Childs and Rita will be meeting with the painter to go over the areas of concern.
6. Thank you – Thank you to Dennis Goul, Bob Kelley, and Jay Brown for all the extra work done at the Park.
7. Lakeshore Easement – Rita stated there was a concern raised about the easement between the Lagoon Beach and Thomas Shores subdivisions. One resident that lives along the easement has been locking the gate at the entrance to the easement. This had been raised in the past, so Ron Thompson had a title search completed. As a result, it was determined the easement had been vacated illegally and letters were sent to the affected residents along the easement. The letter clarified there is indeed an easement, and, the access between the two subdivisions must remain open for safety reasons. Mark Musselman spoke and stated that access between the two subdivisions was recently denied to him. Mr. Musselman asked the Township to get an attorney involved, in an effort to get the issue resolved. There was discussion among the Board members to determine the next course of action. It was decided to send a letter to the resident involved first and if this doesn't correct the issue, the next step would be to take the issue through the court system. A motion to contact the attorney to have the letter sent was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, August 12th, 2024 (a complete copy of the Board packet is on file in Clerk's office). A motion to approve the minutes from the July 9th Board meeting as written, was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Chuck presented the Bank and Investment Balances as of July 31st, 2024. Chuck had prepared a new document to include the previous months balances, changes from the previous month and the current balances. Those balances were reconciled with the Bank statements that were prepared by Chuck and reviewed by Rita. A motion to **accept and file the Treasurer's report** was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion from the board. Roll call vote: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. Point & Pay – There were two Point & Pay for the month of July. Chuck stated the software company the Township uses, BS & A, is offering a new program to pay your taxes using their system. Chuck will look further into this option to see if this is a better option for the residents.
3. Park Deposit – There was a Park deposit that was recorded in the General Fund that has since been corrected and moved into the correct fund.
4. Lakeshore 403 Account – There is a small amount of money left in the 403 account that Chuck will move and close that account.
5. Tax Update – Summer taxes are being collected with a steady flow of payments.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

1. Payment of Bills: In the Board packet was a copy of the bills from the General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Tax Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water Fund and Lakeshore Fund. Rita made a motion, supported by Chuck, to pay the bills. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided to all members. There will be a final report provided when the accruals and audit adjustments are complete. Chuck noted the State Revenue was showing a negative balance. There are two outstanding payments from the State yet to be received and that is why there is a negative balance.
3. Payroll Summary and Liability reports for the Township were provided. No questions at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian Solomon was not able to attend but sent his information to Rita and Carol to read. There were 19 runs for the month of July: 1 odor investigation, 13 medical calls, 2 tree down calls, 2 mutual aid house fires, and 1 vehicle fire. One of the trucks is in need of repairs that will cost approximately \$4,000.00. Rita will be meeting with the Grant writer from Three Rivers to continue the search for funding of the new Fire Station.

1. **PARK COMMISSION:** Cathie Kissler reported the picnic was held on July 20th. The Jamboree took place on August 10th and it was successful. There was discussion at the Park meeting to combine the Jamboree and picnic into one event next year. The Park Commission has obtained three bids for fencing around the pickleball courts and asked the Township Board for approval to have the fence installed. The Park Commission recommended using Jacobs Valley Premier Fence Co. (Quotes from three companies are on file in the Clerk's office). A motion to approve \$6,100.00 for fencing around the pickleball courts was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES**.* Motion carried. The Bathroom locks have all been fixed. There is one play area that has been fenced off because of an ongoing problem with sand burs. The Commission is looking into ways to get it cleaned out and back in service.

PLANNING: Next Planning meeting will be October 2nd at 7:00 pm.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd Andrick wanted to thank Chuck for the investment strategies he has been using. The Chapel fund has grown significantly in the last few months. The water spigot at the Chapel is again broken/leaking. The water bill was ten times the normal cost. The water is shut off and Carol has a call out to get it fixed.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: Dan reported the following permits were issued. Building, 1; Electrical, 2; Mechanical, 5; Plumbing, 2 and no water. May. Next meeting is August 22nd, at 5:00 pm.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelley stated mowing will begin soon, starting in Billings Township and working their way down the lake. The next meeting will be August 22nd, 6:00 pm at the Billings Township Hall.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: The chip and fog seal projects will be done this year. The next meeting will be September 9th, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Trying to get stripes along the side of Saiko Road. Questioned about the two bumps on Saiko and if those would be fixed. No to both concerns.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Survey – The final report of the survey at the Park has been received and recorded with the County. A copy is on file in the Clerk's office
2. Insurance Bids – Met with another company to get bids for insurance. For now, the Township will stay with the current provider pending the outcome from the other company.
3. Water Update – Not much to report. Chuck has been working on the Audit and will try to meet with Ron soon. There was one property marked paid that had not been paid and that has been corrected.
4. Phone Update – Nothing to report.
5. Propane Bids – At the previous meeting, it was decided by the Board to move the current propane provider to Scotland Oil. After the meeting, Carol contacted Blue Flame to let them know the Township would be switching to a new company. During the call, it was discovered there would be additional charges to have the tanks removed. At that time Carol decided to bring the decision back to the Board on how to proceed. Blue Flame would match the current price from Scotland Oil. Representatives from Scotland Oil came to discuss the proposal they would

like to Township Board to consider. After the presentation and questions answered, a motion was made by Rita and supported by Dan to switch to Scotland Oil. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, YES, Mary, YES, Chuck, YES Carol, YES, and Rita, YES*. Carol will let Blue Flame know their service over the years has been greatly appreciated and will keep them in mind for future business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FOIA – A new FOIA was received and Carol will address it with Brian Solomon and Ron Thompson.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Street Light – A resident requested to have Rita call Consumers Energy about a street light that stays on all the time. Rita will also ask about the pole in the front yard that is leaning and damaged by wood peckers.
2. Road signs – A resident asked about the road signs for the Fire Department and if they could be replaced. Rita will look into this request.
3. Straw – A resident asked if the straw behind the Fire Hall could be removed for health reasons? Rita will get with Brian to look at ways to get this request resolved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk